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Something's Gotta Give! What do y'all think of it? Comments welcome. **Greg Tananbaum** (lyrics) and **Jack Montgomery** (recording artist) are already on board. Comments?

And the **31st Charleston Conference CALL FOR PAPERS** is already up and we have several submissions already! Come on down. <http://www.katina.info/conference>

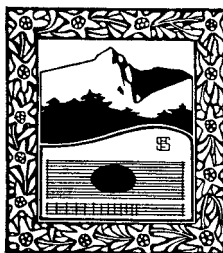
Was just talking by email to a first time attendee at the **XXX Charleston Conference last November – Judy K. Schwartz** (Director of Library Services, Trocaire College in Buffalo, NY). Did you know that **Judy's** profile is posted under **First Time Attendees Profiles** on the Conference Website? This was an idea we had at the last minute last year so we didn't get everyone's profile but stay tuned for more this year now that we have some lead (i.e., pester) time.

<http://www.katina.info/conference>

East Beach in Autumn

Piping plovers run like track stars
ceaselessly foraging,
working in platoons,
their sandy petite forms
barely ahead of tumbling surf.
Finding tiny crustaceans as waves retreat
along the barrier beach's foamy edge.
Lifting away, skimming the crests of breakers,
flying in an ellipse to another wash of sand
on a sea level stage
overlooking Block Island Sound.
Riding ocean swells
a solitary loon in winter's plumage
peering for menhaden
beneath the ocean's pistachio green surface.
Diving for a few minutes
chasing its prey.
Truly ancient, and incredible swimmers
who zoom through the sea
like sleek, web-foot, black-white torpedoes —
Rhode Island's splendid winter guests.

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and daughter **Jamie** who is in Chicago attending the School of the Art Institute. **Judy** is attending a paralegal studies program. All of our thoughts, prayers, and love are with **Judy and Jamie**. May **Barry** rest in peace.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/poughkeepsiejournal/obituary.aspx?n=barry-lee&pid=148087149>

Was so sorry to learn of the death of **Barry Lee**, one of our long-time research editors for **ATG**. **Barry** was just 56, and died Sunday, January 23, 2011, at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center. His death was unexpected **Barry** was an amazing man, full of ideas, energy, and fun. He was always writing and/or editing something, be it business-to-business, religious publication, or a cutting-edge research report. In the 1990s, he won a directory publishing of the year award and at one time he was among the top five directory experts in the world. He is survived by his wife **Judy** and daughter **Jamie** who is in Chicago attending the School of the Art Institute. **Judy** is attending a paralegal studies program. All of our thoughts, prayers, and love are with **Judy and Jamie**. May **Barry** rest in peace.

Judy (above) has sure been busy. She tells me that she has been a first-time conference attendee three times in the space of thirteen months. When I asked her if it was snowing there in Buffalo, she told me that one of the local TV stations had a T-shirt contest some years ago about snow. The winner: It's Buffalo!! It Snows!! Get over it!! She says it's still cold there. It does get so hot here in Charleston that we think about snow...

<http://www.wivb.com/subindex/weather>.

Speaking about weather, while some people are digging out of snow (or sand castles) **John Long** is still participating in the **Save the Bay Swims**. And he still loves to write poetry. See one of his poems in this issue p.14.

<http://www.savebay.org/Page.aspx?pid=1342&frcrid=1>

Got a note from **Doug LaFrenier** of the **American Institute of Physics** recently. Of course we all knew he said he was going to retire, but, you know, he actually went ahead and did it! **Doug** was a joy to work with and to have at the **Charleston Conferences**. We will miss him and hope that he will come back and visit. His new email address is:

<delafrenier@gmail.com>. Next time we are in New York City, let's drop in and see him!

Speaking of retirement, you all know that my magnificent boss **Bob Neville** retired in June. He is now babysitting grandkids, visiting his place in New Hampshire, and rescuing turtles on Folly Beach! Doesn't sound too bad. But I am NOT retiring. I cannot tell a lie. The powers that be talked me into taking the **Asst. Dean for Tech Services and Collection Development** position at the **College of Charleston Addlestone Library** in the meantime.

The indefatigable **Mary Massey** talks about retirement in this issue, p.43. She says she'll be retiring for the third time! Third time's a charm? Well, I am NOT retiring at least if I can help it. Not yet. Can't resist this quote from **Bette Davis** — "I will not retire while I've still got my legs and my make-up box."

Hear via the grapevine that **Knut Dorn** is going to retire end of this year. **Knut** has been a constant in my environment since I entered it! (Remember when I gave him a cactus plant as a present at the **Charleston Conference** many years ago? And he still came back!). **ATG** interviewed **Knut** back in February of 1995 (v.7#1) and **Tina Feick** and I are hoping for another interview sixteen years later. How about it, **Knut**?

And, just heard from **Tina Feick** that **Harrassowitz** is going to sponsor another scholarship for the **31st Charleston Conference**! It's great to know so early. We have several international travelers who would like

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of **Huddersfield** outlining the development of the Open Access *E-Resources Management Handbook*, (co-edited by **ATG** favorite, the inimitable **Rick Anderson**). Now in its fifth year, it is proving highly popular both as a practical manual and reference guide, including articles ranging from a beginner's guide to working with vendors) to a treatise on the applications of RDF for e-resource discovery — both of which feature in the top downloaded chapters in 2010.

Many of us volunteer our precious spare time to serve on committees in the belief we are giving something back, or making a difference, to the communities we work in and alongside. **Kate Price's** article will provide anyone in the position of chairing such a committee with a toolkit to underpin what she describes as a "root and branch" review of just how well the committee is meeting its aims. Additionally it will help to decide whether the committee is robust and diverse enough to survive the current tough times with reduced resources, fewer staff, and more pressure on our day jobs.

Finally, in addition to offering my heartfelt thanks to all of the authors, I would like to thank **Katina** for the opportunity to highlight the international projects that the **UKSG** is involved with — if you would like any further information on any of the issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact me <bev.acreman@biomedcentral.com> or **Tony Kidd**, Chair, **UKSG** <tony.kidd@glasgow.ac.uk>. 🌸

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